

CLAIMS

1. Casing-packed cooked rice, which is casing-packed cooked rice comprising an edible casing and a steam-cooked raw material for the cooked rice
5 which material is packed in the edible casing, with the casing-packed cooked rice being characterized in that the raw material for the cooked rice contains a gelled material solidifiable when cold.

2. A process for production of casing-packed cooked rice, which is a
10 process comprising the steps of: packing a raw material for the cooked rice into an edible casing; and then steam-cooking the packed material; thereby obtaining the casing-packed cooked rice;

with the process being characterized by further comprising the step of increasing the viscosity of the raw material for the cooked rice with a gelled material,
15 solidifiable when cold, before the step of packing the raw material for the cooked rice.

3. A process according to claim 2 for production of casing-packed cooked rice, wherein, as the gelled material solidifiable when cold, there is used at least
20 either one of: a gelled material having been formed by dissolving an edible gelling agent into water and then cooling the resultant solution; and a swollen material having been formed by making the edible gelling agent absorb water.